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New copying machine policy to be implemented

Due to excessive abuse of personal copying privileges by Helicoptrix employees, all copying machines are to be fitted with copy monitors to reduce abuse. When making copies, employees will pass their badge through an electronic reader, and enter the purpose for the copies via a keypad. Helicoptrix personnel will be allowed ten personal copies a month; contractors and temporary employees, five. Those who exceed this number will be suspended for one day without pay. After three incidents, the employee will be terminated. Classes in the use of the copy monitors will be held in Conference Room 12 throughout the month of July.

All facilities to be moved to Indian reservation

It was announced today that all Helicoptrix operations will be moved to the Indian reservation in Ledyard, Connecticut. Currently, a casino exists there. Financial reasons were cited for the move. James Stillman, the project leader for the study leading to this move explained, "The Indians are very good workers. Plus, we can pay them with casino chips." The move follows in the wake of similar actions by Reebok and Nike.

Joint-venture prototype is shown to public

Helicoptrix and John Deere Industries unveiled this week the first prototype of the LT97 LawnBeast riding mower. The LawnBeast features Helicoptrix-manufactured composite blades, which in tests cut grass up to 30% faster than regular steel blades. The fact that the blades never need replacement is an added bonus. The LawnBeast will be powered by a General Electric 7700hp Turbofan engine, enabling the mower to move at speeds in excess of 150mph. It is estimated that the average owner could cut a lawn 1/2 acre in size in 10 to 15 seconds.

New safety policy to take effect

As of August 1, 1997, all Helicoptrix safety programs will be discontinued. Recent studies have shown that fatal accidents cost the company less than those where employees are injured and must undergo lengthy rehabilitations. All employees will be required to deposit their safety glasses in new plastic-recycling bins placed strategically around the plant. It is asked that all those involved in accidents show consideration for others and ensure that their accidents are fatal.

Plans in place to monitor cafeteria "substances"

Recent testing has shown that the chili from the cafeteria must be classified as a hazardous substance. In the future, all chili cups will have a substance tracking label and barcode. Employees removing chili from the cafeteria should wand the barcode at the machines which will be placed outside the doors on those days that chili is offered. Once the chili is consumed, the container and remains of the chili should be brought to the nearest hazardous waste transfer area, wanded, and put in the yellow container with the red skull on it. Those personnel who choose to eat the chili are asked to submit stool and blood samples for analysis and proper disposal.